

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	THOLAM P219US
First Inventor	Rick PIRART
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS...
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 8]
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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
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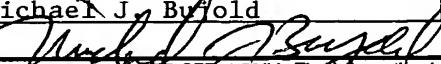
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1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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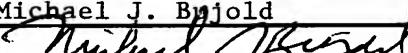
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
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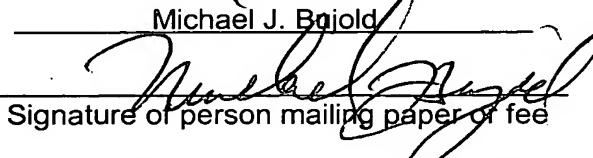
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed please find four (4) sheets of formal drawings which are to be entered in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,


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